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Transmittal of Stetelm Reports

REFERENCE:

WAK 6086, MUMI 606, MUMI 608

1. Transmitted herewith are two translated copies of the reports (mentioned in WAK 6086, Para. 2.) as they were received by the Paris MA's office from Stetelm.

2. Although we now have several leads concerning the sources of the above reports, I am sure that they were probably compiled from various sources, some of which were undoubtedly former members of the Ukrainian resistance forces. We are awaiting translations mentioned last sentence of Para. 1, MUMI 608. This, together with the enclosures 3, 4, and 5 to MUMI-705 (ICOW report), should provide a good picture of the information brought out by Cartels 7 and 8.

3. Following are some comments on other possible sources advanced by Cartels 1, 2 and 3:

a. Vagel Shalodra--Your suggestion to have Cartel 3 query Shalodra is certainly sound. A thorough debriefing of him should disclose exactly what intelligence information was allegedly stolen from him by "Russian people" or volunteered by him to members of the Stetelm group or any other persons. Aside from this, it would be very desirable to have Shalodra thoroughly debriefed on his detailed knowledge of the WA and his own full account of his escape from the Ukraine into Austria. It would be far preferable to have this done by an American Case Officer rather than by one of the Cartels but we are leaving this decision up to you. You can better judge what action to take in this respect after you have received a preliminary report including his exact address from Cartel 3. Incidentally, our files contain no record of Shalodra.

b. Capt. Priya--Although this name is unknown to us, it is possible that Priya is the alleged CPA Captain who brought the attached reports from the Ukraine. We have had no previous mention of two "partisan strongholds" surviving from the Kielce, Poland Area during the summer of 49, but are looking forward to receiving a translation of the article you mention which is allegedly based upon their information.

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4. Re para 5 C of WUHL 608 it is not clear which reports you plan to discuss with Garteis 1 and 2 after the dispatch of 7 and 8 has been accomplished. If the attached Stetake reports are meant, it is important that you use sufficient precaution in discussing them. I think it would be unwise and probably embarrassing to us vis-a-vis the MA's office in Paris if Stetake or one of his close followers should learn that his reports are being passed to a rival Ukrainian group by another American office. Keep us fully advised in this matter.

5. Stetake's trip to London and Paris early August, 1949, again brings up the very important question already brought to your attention in WASH 7726, Para 4 and WUHL-44, namely, Gupriforn must be debriefed on his past activities in behalf of the British. According to the latter report (Karl states FOS was asked by cable 5 July to pass copy to WUHL) Gupriforn arranged for Stetake and Kajun Khan to go to London in June, 1949 in order to take part in "anti-Bolshevik discussions" there. This was approximately the time when Gupriforn was transferring his loyalties to the "American I.G." in Munich. His failure to report such activities to you naturally raises certain suspicions that he may still be conducting certain activities for the British, if not working for them while being supported and sponsored by us. Please advise us connect concerning the action being taken in this matter.

6. The foregoing is clearly but an example of the problem faced both here and in the field in acquiring the necessary information to guide us in determining the current major political alignment among Ukrainians--and other anti-communist groups for that matter--abroad and, even more important, in the USSR itself. This means that, whenever possible, members of the anti-Communist resistance forces or organizations who make their way to Moscow must be thoroughly debriefed, among other things, on their knowledge of resistance activities in the homeland. As you can well realize, there is a continuous stream of intelligence proposals being made to the Americans by these numerous groups, organizations or individuals--~~throughout~~ Europe which affect FMI directly or indirectly. The office of [] is setting up a desk in the next week or two to collate and analyze all such information in an attempt to give us current expert advice on which individuals and organizations to exploit as well as to prepare overall studies of specific groups considered to have some operational potential, such as the OUN headed by Iwan Mazepa. We will keep you fully informed on developments.

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